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Thank you for attending the Public Information Open House for the proposed Garrard Avenue Improvements, PI Number 0017976. We are currently in the concept phase of this project and are here to gather information from the public as well as to share information that we have gathered.

In this handout, you will find a description of the transportation issue we are attempting to solve, a proposed solution, a location map, and a comment card for you to provide additional feedback for the project team.

Your comments are important to us. You may provide your comments today by filling out the comment card provided with this handout and dropping it in the comment box. If you wish to provide your verbal comments, a court reporter is located onsite who will transcribe your comments and provide those to the project team.

If you prefer to leave comments after the meeting, you can also provide comments by **Wednesday, November 23, 2022** using any of the following methods:

- Email to pbernard@chathamcounty.org.
- Mail in your comment card to Mr. Eric Duff, Georgia Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308.

The project displays and plans seen here at the meeting will be available for review for ten days after this open house at <https://engineering.chathamcountyga.gov/Projects/CurrentProjects>. Hardcopies will also be available at the GDOT Area 5 Office located at 630 West Boundary Street, Savannah, GA 31401. All comments will become part of the project's official record and will be responded to by December 19, 2022.

Again, thank you for attending this open house. If you should have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact the project manager, Robert Johnson, at 479-747-2555 or the environmental analyst, Takiyah Christian, at 404-631-1178 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

Eric Duff
State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation

Why are we here and what is the issue we are seeking to address within your community?

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is seeking feedback about proposed transportation enhancements for sections of Garrard Avenue and Lane Avenue beginning at the intersection at Chatham Parkway and Louis Mills Boulevard (southern end) and ending at Gamble Road (northern end) in Chatham County. The project area currently has poor pavement conditions, substandard lane widths, safety concerns, limited roadway lighting, and a lack of pedestrian, bicycle, and transit accommodations.

Current conditions along the Garrard Ave corridor:

- Inadequate lane widths through much of the corridor
- Existing speeding issues that cause safety concerns for pedestrians, public transportation users, and bicyclists
- No turn lanes for several side roads
- Poor lighting for vehicles and pedestrians
- No existing sidewalk or pedestrian accommodations within the project area
- Poor pavement conditions
- Drainage concerns

Without this Project (No Build):

- Safety concerns related to lighting, lane widths, and unsafe pedestrian maneuvers would not be addressed
- The lack of turn lanes would not be considered
- The lack of sidewalks would not be addressed along the corridor
- The pavement and drainage concerns would not be addressed

Proposed Solution: (Also See Project Location Map attached)

PI No. 0017976 was programmed by the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO) at the request of Chatham County to rehabilitate the roadway pavement section and improve safety along the corridor. The project will address poor pavement conditions, substandard lane widths, safety concerns, limited roadway lighting, and a lack of pedestrian, bicycle, and transit accommodations. The existing lanes will be widened and resurfaced with new pavement. Traffic calming measures will be implemented along the corridor, and turn lanes and intersection improvements will be included where needed. All pedestrian features will be constructed in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, including sidewalks and a multi-use path which will be constructed to enhance connectivity to the adjacent residential communities, provide transportation options, and promote safer pedestrian mobility and equitable transportation. Current locations of the sidewalk and multi-use path are conceptual and we are seeking input for final locations.

Benefits of Project Implementation:

- Widen to provide adequate lane widths
- Address poor pavement conditions
- Provide multimodal travel options and connectivity

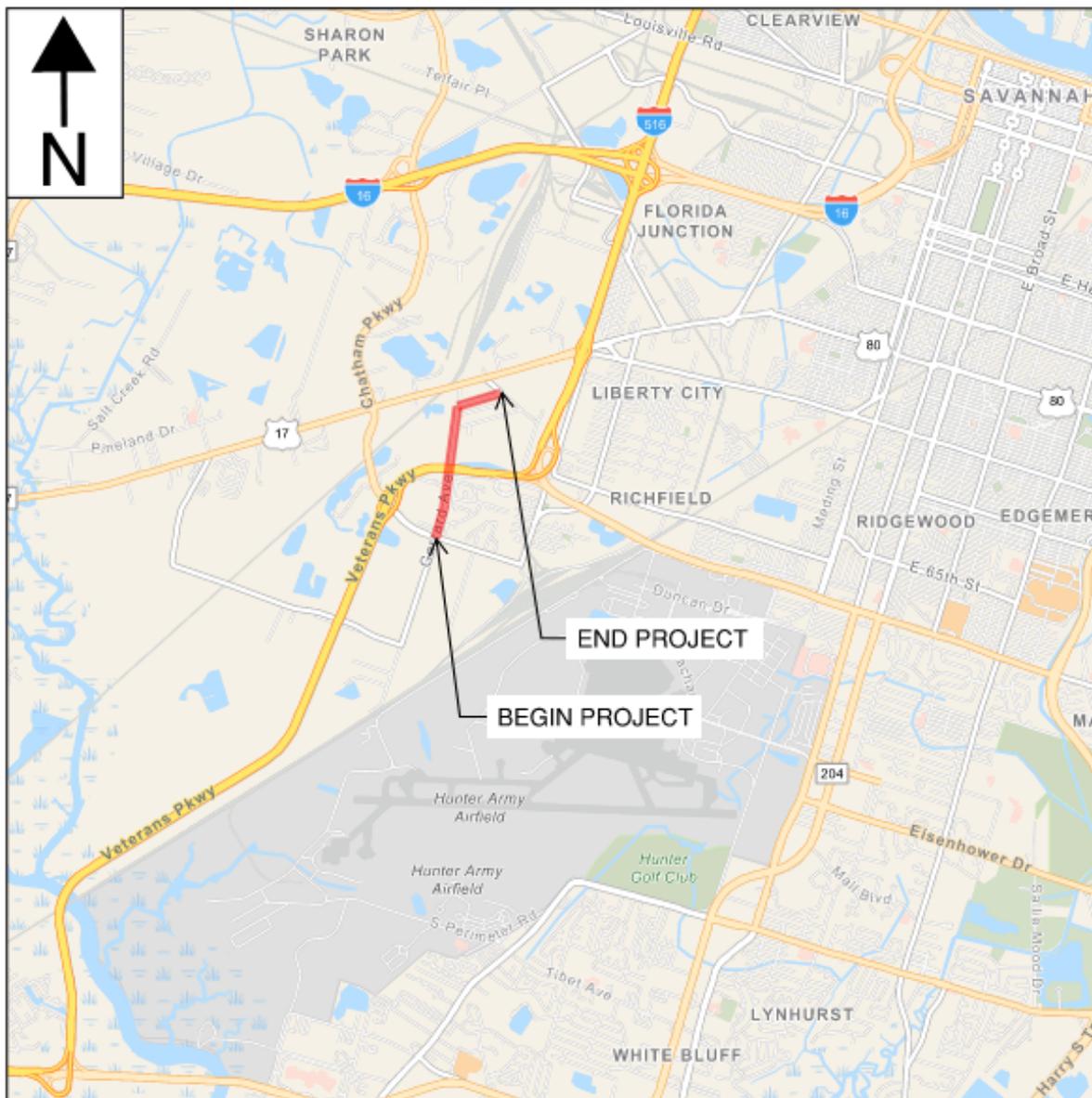
How Can You Assist: Please provide feedback about our proposed solution as well as information about any resources important to you or to the community. Are there events that future construction may affect once it begins?

Where is this project in the process? This project is currently in the concept phase. The concept phase defines the existing issue seeking to be resolved along with a proposed solution that will meet the community's needs.

What are the Next Steps? After the public meeting is held, feedback will be assessed, revisions may occur to the proposed plan initially brought to the public or the no build alternative will be selected. Once a Concept Report is approved, the project alignment would be refined. If major changes occur to what was previously shown to the community, additional public outreach would occur. If no major changes are proposed, the project would advance

to right-of-way acquisition and into final design. After all right-of-way acquisition occurs, project design is finalized, and the project would advance to construction.

Project Location Map



Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____

Do you support the project? (check your response)

- For** **Against** **Conditional (I would support this project if... describe below)** **Uncommitted**

Comments: _____

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Word of mouth Social Media Post card Other_____

Attendance: Did you attend in person? Yes No

Questions:	Answer	If answer is no please provide a suggestion/comment
Was the location convenient?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Was the time convenient?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Were your questions answered?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Do you understand the project?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Were Materials (in person or virtual) understandable	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Please share your suggestions on improving the ways GDOT conducts or advertises Open Houses:

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